

1 **Minutes 01/28/2016**

2 **Jericho Fire Services Task Force Meeting**
3 **January 28, 2016 7:00 PM**
4 **Jericho Town Hall, 67 Vermont Route 15**
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6 **Members Present:** Chris Corbin (CC), Frank Fisler (FF), Chuck Lacy (CL), Matt Thomson (MT),
7 William Bresee (WB)
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9 **Others Present:** None

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11 The meeting was called to order by Matt Thomson at 7:00 PM
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13 **1. Public Comment**

14 No public in attendance.
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16 **2. Minutes.**

17 The minutes of 01/11 were approved.
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19 **3. Meeting Goals**

20 Continue development of the draft report and update on continued task force progress.
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22 **4. Panel Input**

23 Discussion in regards to the comparison work with other agencies.
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- 25 - The Task Force is still awaiting clarification and additional information on items related
- 26 to the Task Force discussions with the Hinesburg FD.
- 27 - The Task Force is awaiting a return contact from both Richmond FD and Colchester
- 28 Center FD to schedule meeting with those Departments.
- 29 - CC and WB to meet with Charlotte FD on 3 February 2016.
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31 **5. Discussion**

32 Discussion regarding budgeted financials versus actual financials and which should be used for
33 comparison. Comparisons will be completed for both past years and the upcoming fiscal year.
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35 Discussion regarding the size of the reserve accounts, and comparing funds that are under-spent
36 and not returned to the Town. The Task Force feels that while large reserve accounts may be
37 inefficient for municipal structures, it can be necessary for private structures.
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39 Discussion regarding budget comparison – Comparisons of equipment may not be easy and a
40 descriptive explanation of the equipment costs may be needed. A similar approach may be
41 necessary for the salary costs. The cost focus should be average assessed value compared to
42 cost per day (when compared to the budget). Capabilities need to be identified for each
43 department with their associated costs.
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45 All were in agreement that the Task Force must answer the mission in a clear and simple
46 method and then address the governance of the fire department based upon the governance
47 that has brought us all o this point. The Rivers' property cannot go unmentioned with this issue.
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49 **6. Next Meeting**

50 The next Task Force meeting will be held on Friday 19 February 2016 at the Jericho Town Hall
51 starting at 7:00 PM. This is a change from a previously scheduled meeting on Monday 15
52 February 2016.